

## MASSACHUSETTS DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER AFTER YEAR IN INSANE WARD

**Claimed by Police to Be Respectable Citizen by Day and Fiend Incarnate by Night.**

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 13.—Bertram G. Spencer, the "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" of Massachusetts, was placed on trial for the murder of Miss Martha Blackstone today.

Spencer's arrest created a sensation throughout this state, where he was regarded as a sterling young business man.

The police say he was a respectable citizen by day and a fiend incarnate by night.

On the night of her murder, Miss Blackstone was visiting the Dow family on fashionable Round Hill.

The women were sitting round a table in the living room, when suddenly a masked man appeared in the doorway. He pointed a revolver into the room and commanded silence.

One of the women screamed. The bandit commenced firing. Miss Blackstone was killed, and Miss Harriet Dow shot in the head. Miss Dow recovered.

The city was aroused. A huge reward was offered for the murderer. Private detectives took up the search.

Finally, Spencer was arrested in the home where he lived with his wife and baby, on the slenderest of clues.

A picture bearing the initials

"B. G. S." had been found several weeks before the murder in the yard of a home where a masked burglar had been surprised climbing through a window.

Enlargements of the photograph showed Spencer's sister and another relative.

Detectives surrounded the Spencer home, and arrested him. Thousands of dollars worth of jewelry was found in the house. This was identified by various citizens of Springfield whose homes had been robbed.

After the arrest, Spencer told a remarkable story to the police. He admitted, say the police, scores of crimes of the blackest nature, and pleaded with tears in his eyes, that he was the victim of a dual personality.

He said that day he was a normal, law-abiding citizen; but that with the coming of night, his evil passions rose to the surface, and he was unable to control himself.

That was over a year ago. Spencer was sent to the state asylum for the insane at Bridgewater for observation. He has been there ever since, but the result of the conclusions reached by the experts is being kept secret by the police.

The police say they have a signed confession to the murder of Miss Blackstone in their hands.

The testimony in the trial will be recorded on phonographs for the first time in the history of murder trials.